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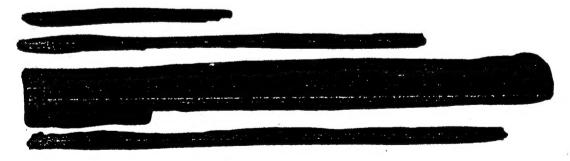
(SANTA ELENA, PETEN) STAFF INTELLIGENCE (G-2) INTERROGATION TEAM
ARRIVED AT THE KAIBIL BASE HE COMMANDED IN JUNE 1990, HE REFUSED PROVID FOR RELEASE
TO GIVE THEM ENTRANCE. ACCORDING TO THE INTERROGATION
TEAM LEFT THE ENTRANCE TO THE POPTUN BASE AND WENT TO A LOCAL
DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT. CLAIMED THAT HE HAD NO PRIOR
KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTERROGATION TEAM'S INTENT TO A PPREHEND AND

INTERROGATE DEVINE. (GUATEMALA CITY PIELD COMMENT: THIS INFORMATION IS NOT CORROBORATED BY OTHER INFORMATION, WHICH

INDICATES THAT AT THE VERY LEAST, THE G-2 TEAM WAS GIVEN LODGING AT THE KAIBIL BASE. THE TEAM WAS COMMANDED BY THE DEPUTY G-2 FOR MILITARY ZONE 23 CAPTAIN HUGO ((CONTRERAS)) ALVARADO, WHO WAS CONVICTED FOR THE DEVINE MURDER, BUT ESCAPED AND HAS BEEN AT LARGE SINCE MAY 1993.)

ALPIREZ WAS UNHAPPY
ABOUT THE DEATH OF DEVINE BECAUSE HE HAD KNOWN DEVINE'S SPOUSE
PRIOR TO THE MURDER THROUGH FREQUENT VISITS TO A RESTAURANT OWNED
BY THE FAMILY. FURTHERMORE, ALPIREZ STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN
REASSIGNED AS PUNISHMENT FOR HIS INITIAL REPUSAL TO ASSIST IN THE
COVER-UP OF THE MURDER.

SPECULATED THAT ALPIREZ, AS COMMANDER OF THE KAIBIL BASE AT POPTUN, WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND OF MILITARY ZONE 23 AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER OF DEVINE. THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH THE G-2 ASSIGNED TO SANTA ELENA AND THE MILITARY ZONE COMMANDER, COLONEL MARIO ROBERTO ((GARCIA)) CATALAN.



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